

HOUSE BILL 1921

By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,  
relative to the SSG Ryan C. Knaus Memorial  
Highway.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the segment of Tazewell Pike (State Route 331 / State Route 131) in the community of Corryton, Knox County, Tennessee, beginning with the intersection of such route with Henegar Road and ending at the intersection of such route with Gibbs Road, is hereby designated the "SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway" in recognition of the life of Ryan C. Knauss, Staff Sergeant, United States Army, who, as a member of the 9th Battalion, 8th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), made the ultimate sacrifice on August 26, 2021, when he was tragically killed in Kabul, Afghanistan, while aiding American civilians and Afghan refugees to escape the country amid the withdrawal of American forces and personnel.

(b) The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment described in subsection (a) as the "SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway". The cost of the signage must be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-1-133.

(c) The erection of the signs must be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and within state supplemental guidelines, as applicable.

(d) The appellation "SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway" provided for in this section is for honorary purposes only, and this section does not require the alteration

of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this section.

(e) This section does not require the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of Tazewell Pike (State Route 331 / State Route 131) described in subsection (a) as the "SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway".

SECTION 2. A presentation copy or copies of this act must be made available to members of the general assembly upon their request to the appropriate clerk's office.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.